

THIRTY PERISH

Worst Fire in the History of the South at Jacksonville.

LOSS \$15,000,000 OR MORE

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TODAY'S TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES

Jacksonville, Fla., May 4.—Yesterday's fire here was the worst in the history of any southern city. The total loss will amount to over \$15,000,000 and it is feared that twenty-five or thirty persons perished in the conflagration. Chaos reigns, and it is impossible to learn if any of the people missing are safe. There is no lawlessness but the militia is on guard.

The entire business section of the city is in ashes and numerous lives have been lost. The fire burned furiously, defying the assaults of water, dynamite and the supreme efforts of the entire population, aided by the fire departments of the numerous sister cities. Such is the sad story caused by the displacement of a bit of innocent looking wire which accidentally got into the shredding machine of the American Fiber company at the corner of Davis and Union streets. The fire started between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock p. m., and owing to this fact the loss of life will be comparatively small.

The fiber factory was a wooden shell, full of inflammable material, and in a few moments was a mass of flames. The wind which was already blowing strong from the southwest, seemed to be possessed with a sudden fury, and soon was carrying destructive embers all through the doomed city, the fairest portion of which lay right in the wake of the wind. Some delay was experienced in getting an alarm, and to add to the tragedy of fatal accidents the engine at the waterworks suffered a mishap and nothing more than ordinary pressure could be obtained.

The plans of the city as prepared by the city surveyors show that 130 blocks were burned and a part of another block. The estimates of residences to the block in the residential district is ten, and in the business section the blocks were solid.

The chief of police ordered all saloons closed until further notified. Mayor Bowden says that ten to fifteen thousand people are homeless.

TWO KILLED BY TRAIN.

Henderson, Ky., May 4.—Joseph Pyles, a prominent farmer, aged 60, and his wife, attempted to drive past a crossing here this morning and their buggy was struck by an Illinois Central train and demolished. Pyles being instantly killed and his wife fatally hurt.

M'CORMICK WILL GET EVEN.

Hopkinsville, May 4.—Dr. E. B. McCormick, in surrendering the superintendency of the Hopkinsville asylum, writes a salty card, in which he says he was removed without being allowed to confront the liars and slanderers who were his only accusers.

He declares he will seek redress in the courts, and his attorneys say he will make damaging charges against other asylum officers Monday.

CHINESE THREATEN MORE TROUBLE.

Pekin, May 4.—Reports from the interior say that the Chinese are again ripe for revolt and that they will certainly rise again against the foreigners.

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NEWS OF THE ELKS

Awarded \$600 Damages.

MRS. MOLLIE WEIL SECURES A VERDICT AGAINST STREET CAR COMPANY.

The jury in the suit of Mrs. Mollie Weil against the Paducah Street Railway and Light company this morning returned a verdict in favor of the defendant for \$600. She sued for \$10,000. She attempted to alight from a car at Twelfth and Broadway about a year ago and was thrown to the street by the car starting before she had gotten off.

The jury in the case of Mr. Ira Willis against the Street Car company for \$20,000 damages was this morning discharged, being unable to agree. It stood seven for the defendant and five for the plaintiff.

Court adjourned at noon until Monday.

POLICE COURT.

BUTCH SELBY IS GIVEN ORDERS TO LEAVE TOWN TODAY.

Ben Boyd is Fined \$50 and Costs for Assaulting Mr. Jamie Brooks.

Dick Heselbean, better known as "Butch Selby," was arraigned in the police court this morning on a charge of vagrancy, which is his chronic ailment. He was sentenced to thirty days on the street, or if he will leave town to banishment instead. He chose the latter and it will be a good thing for the city if he never comes back.

Ben Boyd, the colored drayman, was charged with knocking Mr. Jamie Brooks down a day or two ago. The evidence showed that the assault was unprovoked, and that after it was over Boyd, as well as the young man he had assaulted went after pistols, and there was danger of further trouble. Boyd was fined \$50 and costs and recognized in the sum of \$200 for his good behavior.

The warrant against Charles Elliott, a member of the Bucksin Bill's show charged with forging an order on Mr. John Terrell for \$1.50 from the lady who keeps his boarding house, was released and the warrant was filed away. There was a serious question whether the charge would be made to stick, and he was released on motion of the prosecuting attorney.

The following, most of them members of the Bucksin Bill aggregation, were fined \$1 and costs for plain drunks: John Rogers, Ed Allen, Wm. Mason and Bert Hollie.

Charles Schell, for a breach of ordinance, was fined \$5 and costs. Lucy Trammell was fined \$5 and costs for a breach of ordinance in being disorderly.

The case against Will Woods, colored, for obtaining money by false pretenses, was continued again.

TOBACCO MARKET.

The tobacco market as a whole this week is practically unchanged from that of last week. The offerings were possibly a little greater, but the prices remained about the same. The sales were all well attended.

Inspector Miller's report is as follows: Receipts for week, 324 hogheads. Receipts for year, 2,999 hogheads. Offerings for week, 356 hogheads. Rejections for week, 26 hogheads. Private sales for week, 50 hogheads.

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—The first excursion of the season will be run to Golconda Sunday a week from tomorrow. The Dick Fowler will make the trip.

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THE MIDWAY'S FEATURES

There Will Be Allowed No Rubber Balls or Sacks of Flour in the City During the Carnival.

ARRANGEMENTS PROGRESSING FAST

Advertisements are now being inserted in all the papers within a radius of 100 miles by Secretary Atkins. This will be the climax to the extensive advertising of the big show.

Among the Midway attractions will be:

The Girl With the Auburn Hair in all her glory.

At the Electric Theater, Rosina appears in serpentine dances, the electrical effect of which is beyond description, and Roberto, in the latest craze of Paris, "Poses Plastique," or "The Vision of the Robe."

Toby Marcie heads the list in magic, mystifying in the extreme. At the Hoochie theater.

The Japanese theater will have the famous Kadura family of royal Japs from the Mikado's court by special permission. A \$10,000 challenge performance. Daring flights that seem incredible without the use of wings.

At the German Village you will hear a charming bit of the "Waterland," the Swiss Yoedlers, Tyrolean singers and vocalists. Delightful refreshments and delicious beverages and lunches served.

Living pictures presented by a group of the world's most charming Parisian beauties. The leading features are "Sapho" and Quo Vadis and models from leading galleries of the world.

The Thompsons, champion high divers of the world, leaping from an eight-foot tower into three feet of water.

Princelshamel, the Hindoo magician, who makes plants grow before your eyes, places a boy beneath a basket, which he pierces from side to side, through and through.

Abdallah and his band of Arabs accomplish feats too marvelous for description.

Katira and Kiku, beautiful Japanese sisters, in foot juggling and marvelous evolutions, will hold forth at the Streets of India.

The maids of honor for the flower parade thus far appointed are: Miss Bertha Farmer, Fulton; Miss Maimie Pettit, Princeton; Miss Jennie Watson, Murray; Miss Irma Quante, Metropolis. Those for Mayfield and Cairo are yet to be appointed.

It will be good news to the general public to learn that no rubber balls, four sacks, or other devices used by the mischievous to "have fun," will be permitted at the carnival or in the city. The Elks have refused to grant a concession at a good figure for the sale of rubber balls, and their sorrow will be generally approved. Everybody caught using the rubber balls, sacks of flour or anything else of this description will be arrested for disorderly conduct and fined.

The street fakirs are getting in their work pretty well now, but they will all be banished carnival week. No one during the week will be allowed to engage in any sort of business of that nature without first having the permission of the Elks committee.

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